GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries from which the tourists visiting India have increased during each of the last three years till date;

(b) the names of the countries from which lesser number of tourists visited India during the said period;

(c) whether any special measures have been taken to encourage tourists from these countries to visit India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) and (b): The increase/decrease in percentage of tourist arrivals to India during 1998, 1999 and 2000 (January to September) from the countries from where significant number of tourists visit India is indicated at Annex.

(c) and (d): Government of India Tourist Offices located overseas are engaged in many promotional activities to encourage and attract more foreign tourists to India which include advertising in print media and on internet, brochure support, joint promotion programmes with travel industry, participation in travel fairs, organising seminars, workshops, India-programmes, organisation of audio-visual shows, etc.

Annex

ANNEX IN RESPECT OF PART (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+3859 FOR 22.3.2001 REGARDING VISIT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS.

Growth rate (percentage) of tourist arrivals over the corresponding period of the previous year

S.No.	Country	1998	1999	2000(January -September)
1.	U.S.A	+0.2	+3.0	+20.9
2.	Canada	+2.0	+3.5	+32.0
3.	Australia	+14.1	+26.4	+30.3
4.	Israel	+4.7	+11.0	+3.3
5.	Korea(South)	+6.0	+17.6	+9.0
6.	Germany	-11.3	-9.5	-0.1
7	Japan	-10.2	-11.4	-5.2
8.	Nepal	-11.5	-32.3	-2.9
9.	United Kingdom	+1.6	-8.3	-3.3

10.	Sri Lanka	-3.1	+1.5	+5.8
11.	France	+7.1	-12.3	+4.6
12.	Singapore	+4.5	-1.9	-8.5
13.	Malaysia	-21.4	+10.8	+7.6
14.	Italy	+0.4	-6.3	+5.2
15.	Netherlands	+20.9	-10.0	-4.8
16.	Switzerland	+5.2	+4.4	-6.3
17.	Belgium	+5.2	+11.8	-5.3
18.	South Africa	-8.2	+17.2	+8.9
19.	Spain	+10.5	-6.4	-4.6
20.	Sweden	-1.1	+16.2	-9.6
21.	Kenya	+13.4	-1.4	-3.8
22.	Austriab	+11.3	+4.6	-15.3
23.	Newzeland	+29.0	+24.5	-23.0
24.	U.A.E.	-24.4	+11.9	+27.6
25.	Mauritius	+18.4	+20.9	-10.8